

Opportunities

Troopers are initially assigned to patrol duty. After the initial road assignment, those interested may apply for any of the following specialized opportunities:

- * **Executive Protection**
- * **Capitol Security**
- * **Research, Planning & Development**
Accident Records
C.A.L.E.A. / Inspections
- * **Training**
Ordnance
- * **Critical Incident**
Response Team
- * **Motorcycle Detail**
- * **Special Operations**
Aviation
- * **Safety Education**
D.A.R.E.
A.C.E.S.
Litter Control
- * **Support Services**
Fleet
Supply
Communications



Tennessee Department of Safety Mission Statement

The mission of the Tennessee Department of Safety is to exemplify our values by providing the highest quality of law enforcement and service to the citizens, protecting their rights and property, predicting and responding to the changing needs of society, respecting and preserving the dignity of the individual, and educating toward safety, voluntary compliance, and a better quality of life. Through innovation and cooperation, we strive to promote and maintain the spirit of teamwork that is the tradition of the Tennessee Department of Safety.



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Tennessee Highway Patrol



Professionalism * Integrity * Pride

History

The department has come a long way since the first State Police Force was created in 1929, patterned after the historic Texas Rangers. The department itself was established by the General Assembly in 1939, a decade after Governor Henry Horton signed a law creating the Tennessee Highway Patrol, an offshoot of the State Police Force. Today, the department and its highly trained state troopers and enforcement officers are responsible for safety on more than 15,000 miles of state and federal highways.

Training

Newly selected cadets receive intense basic training at the Department of Safety Training Center. The training includes course work & police procedures, report writing, civil & criminal laws, state traffic & commercial vehicle laws, advanced first aid, self defense tactics, laws of arrest, search & seizure, operation of emergency vehicles, use of radar, intense crash investigation, commercial vehicle & driver inspections, & other related subjects. Classroom study is supplemented by firearms & physical fitness training.



Upon graduation, each Trooper is assigned a duty station where they are paired with a Field Training Officer for a minimum of 4 weeks. Once the FTO Program is completed, the Trooper is released to their county assignment under the supervision of their road Sergeant.

In-service training continues annually to allow Troopers to keep skills sharpened & to stay abreast of current changes in law enforcement.

FYI

Qualifications

Benefits

